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April 19, 2001

### CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Equinox Resources (Washington) Inc.  
c/o Mano River Resources Inc.  
Suite 600 890 West Pender Street  
Vancouver BC  
V6C 1K4 Canada

RE: Van Stone Mine, Stevens County, Washington  
CERCLIS ID No. WAD980834808

Dear Mano River Resources Inc.:

Per our conversation on April 19, 2001, this letter confirms the site visit of Van Stone Mine located in Stevens County, Washington, the week of June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2001. You will be notified prior to mobilizing of the specific date and time of the site visit and sampling.

The visit will be performed by Ecology and Environment, Inc. (E & E). E & E is an authorized contractor of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (Contract No. 68-S0-01-01) and is acting as field investigators for EPA. The investigators may be accompanied by representatives from EPA.

Under Section 104(e) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. § 9604(e), EPA may gain access to and request information from sites where:

- Any hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants may have been released or are threatened to be released, or
- Any hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants may have been generated, stored, treated, disposed or, or transported to or from the site.

Van Stone Mine will be visited to determine the impact or potential impact of any hazardous substances that have been, are, or may be released to the environment at or from the facility or that may have migrated to the facility from another facility. The field investigators

will:

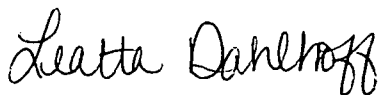
- Meet with the site owner or representatives on a date and time specified prior to mobilization.
- Interview the site owner or representative to confirm existing information (i.e., address, total area, etc.).
- Perform a site walk-through and visual inspection with the site owner or representative.
- Take photographs of the site.
- Collect all pertinent information including manifests, site maps, sampling or monitoring results, etc., from the site owner or representative. Van Stone Mine may assert a claim of confidentiality for any information entitled to protection under 40 C.F.R., Part 2, Subpart B. All confidential material must be separately submitted, marked "confidential," and include the basis of your claim. EPA will treat such information as set forth in the cited subpart.
- Collect samples from the site including soil, water and/or sediment samples, as may be determined by EPA to be necessary.
- Record sample location coordinates, i.e. latitude and longitude, using Global Positioning System (GPS) equipment.

Enclosed is an access agreement for your signature. Please sign and return the enclosed access agreement within seven (7) calendar days of your receipt of this letter. An addressed, stamped return envelope is also enclosed. EPA will provide you with a copy of the sample results, when available.

Under CERCLA Section 104 (e)(4), EPA is required to give you a receipt describing any sample taken from your property. Additionally, you are entitled to receive a portion of each sample. If you would like to receive split samples, please let me know as soon as possible.

If you have any questions regarding our site visit, please contact me at (206) 624-9537 or Monica Tonel of EPA at (206) 553-0323.

Sincerely,



Leatta Dahlhoff  
START Project Manager

cc: Monica Tonel, U.S. EPA Region 10, Seattle, WA



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**  
**REGION 10**  
1200 Sixth Avenue  
Seattle, Washington 98101

**CONSENT FOR ACCESS TO PROPERTY**

Property Owner/Representative: Equinox Resources (Washington) Inc.  
c/o Mano River Resources Inc.

Property: Van Stone Mine, Stevens County  
Township 38N, Range 40E, Section 33  
Stevens County, Washington

I hereby give my consent to officers, employees, authorized representatives and persons acting at the request of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to enter and have access to the property located at the above location to perform the following activities:

- a. Conducting a site walk-through and visual inspection of the Site;
- b. Collecting soil, water and/or sediment samples as may be determined by EPA to be necessary;
- c. Recording sample location coordinates, i.e. latitude and longitude, using Global Positioning System (GPS) equipment; and,
- d. Taking photographs of the property and sample locations.

This written permission is given by me voluntarily with knowledge of my right to refuse and without threats or promises of any kind.

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Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title